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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Federal Aviation Administration** 

Notice of Meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation

**Rulemaking Committee** 

**AGENCY**: Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation

**ACTION**: Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY**: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, as amended, announce the next meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group

(NPOAG) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). This notification provides the date,

format, and agenda for the meeting.

**DATE AND LOCATION**: The NPOAG ARC will hold a meeting on September 19,

2013. The meeting will be conducted as a telephone conference call. The meeting will

be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. This NPOAG meeting

will be open to the public. Interested persons may listen in on the conference call (see

**Public Participation at the Meeting).** 

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Background**

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (NPATMA), enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106-181, required the establishment of the NPOAG within one year after its enactment. The Act requires that the NPOAG be a balanced group of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairman of the advisory group.

The duties of the NPOAG include providing advice, information, and recommendations to the FAA Administrator and the NPS Director on: implementation of Public Law 106-181; quiet aircraft technology; other measures that might accommodate interests to visitors of national parks; and at the request of the Administrator and the Director, on

safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over national parks or tribal lands.

# Agenda for the September 19, 2013, NPOAG Meeting

The agenda for the meeting will include, but is not limited to, the following: review of the new air tour reporting requirements, status on current voluntary agreement efforts, and review and approval of the meeting minutes from the May 16, 2012 NPOAG meeting in Rapid City, SD.

## **Public Participation at the Meeting**

This NPOAG meeting will be conducted as a telephone conference call. Members of the public will be able to listen in on the proceedings. Information regarding how the public may access this conference call in a "listen mode" will be posted on the FAA's ATMP website at

http://www.faa.gov/about/office\_org/headquarters\_offices/arc/programs/air\_tour\_manage ment\_plan/ by September 12, 2013. Other supplementary meeting information may also be posted on the ATMP website. You may also find out how to access the call by contacting Mr. Keith Lusk (contact information is provided above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

### **Record of the Meeting**

If you are unable to participate in this NPOAG meeting conference call, a summary

record of the meeting will be made available at a later date under the NPOAG section of

the FAA's ATMP website at

http://www.faa.gov/about/office\_org/headquarters\_offices/arc/programs/air\_tour\_manage

ment plan/ or through the Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region, Federal

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